

# NCPC File #: 7763

## Kennedy Center Connection Project

Washington, DC

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Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Concept Review

Coordinating Committee

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**NCPC review authority:** 40 USC § 8722 (b)(1) and (d)

**Applicant request:** comments on concept

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**NCPC Review Officer:** Hart

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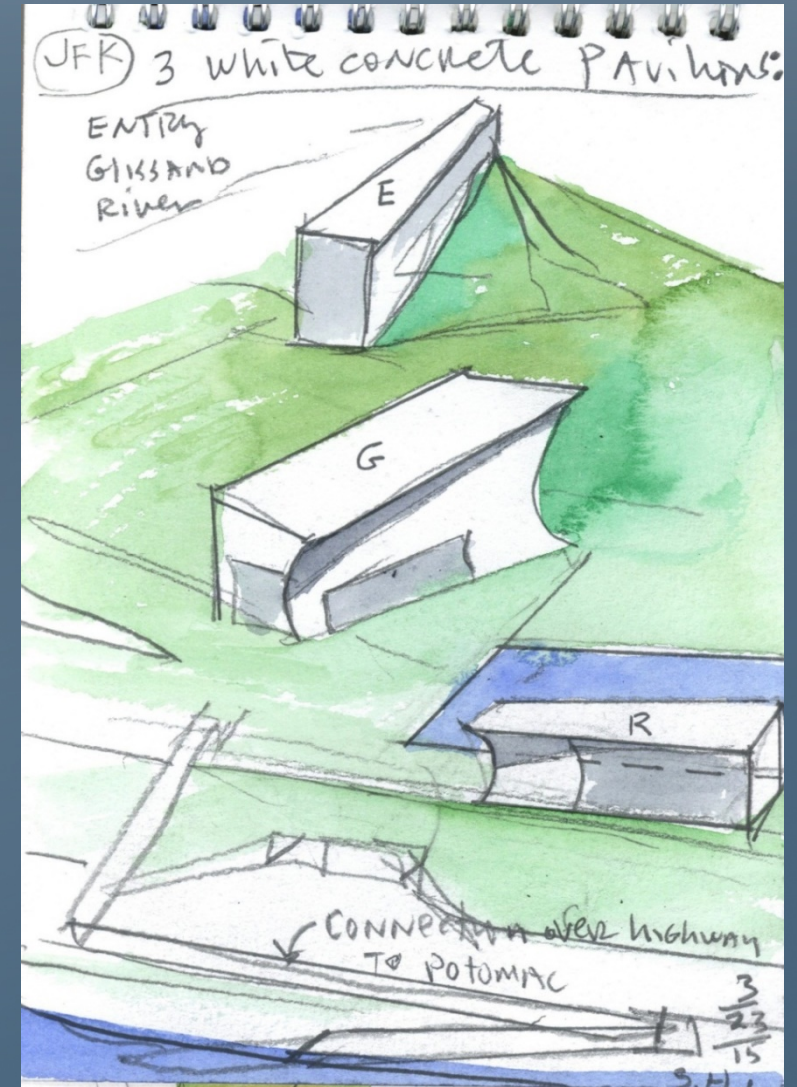
### **Project summary:**

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (Kennedy Center) is proposing a direct pedestrian and bicycle connection between the Kennedy Center expansion and the Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail. The project falls within the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway (RCPP), which is under the jurisdiction of National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA), a unit of the National Park Service (NPS).

The Kennedy Center is proposing this project because there is no direct access to and from the Kennedy Center to the east, or southeastward to Rock Creek Paved Recreation Trail, NAMA, and the Potomac River. The only pedestrian/bicycle access from the Potomac riverfront to the Kennedy Center is provided by a series of crosswalks across F Street NW and the RCPP, approximately 0.25 miles north of the south parking garage. This lack of a direct and convenient path not only limits visitors' access to both NPS and Kennedy Center amenities, but also creates a disconnect between the Kennedy Center, which is the United States' living memorial to President John F. Kennedy and those other presidential memorials found within the National Mall.

The Kennedy Center is exploring 4 alternatives under NEPA that include its preferred alternative before you today. This proposal consists of a bridge over RCPP, a ramp that has a switchback and a set of stairs at the southern end of the ramp. The bridge itself is 14 feet above the RCPP, is 9.5 feet wide and approximately 93 feet long. It is a metal girder that is connected to a 195 foot long ramp. At the southern end of the ramp there are a set of steps connected the RCPP to the bridge. After a switchback, a shorter ramp lands on the ground.









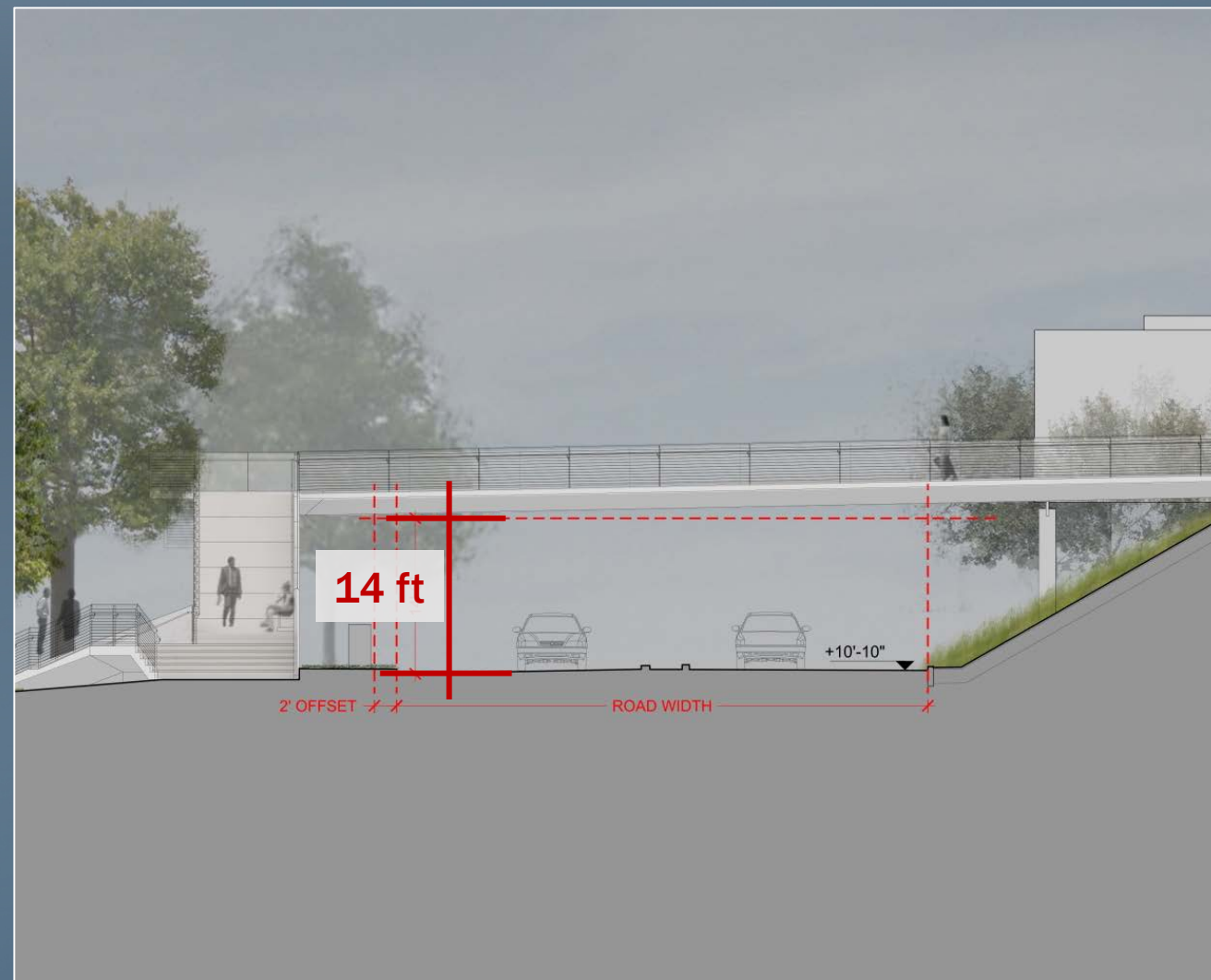


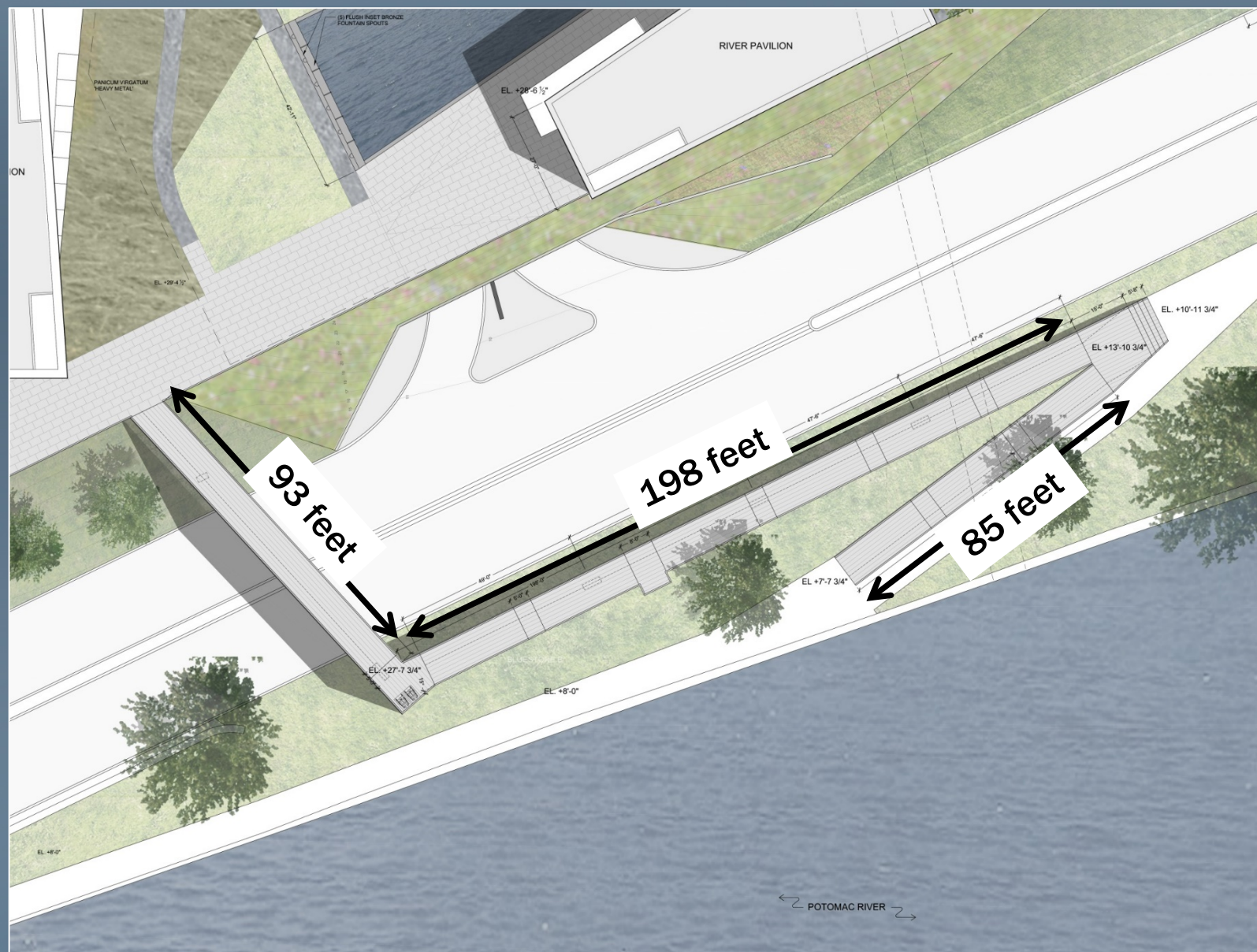
# Concept Proposal – Bridge with ramp and stairs



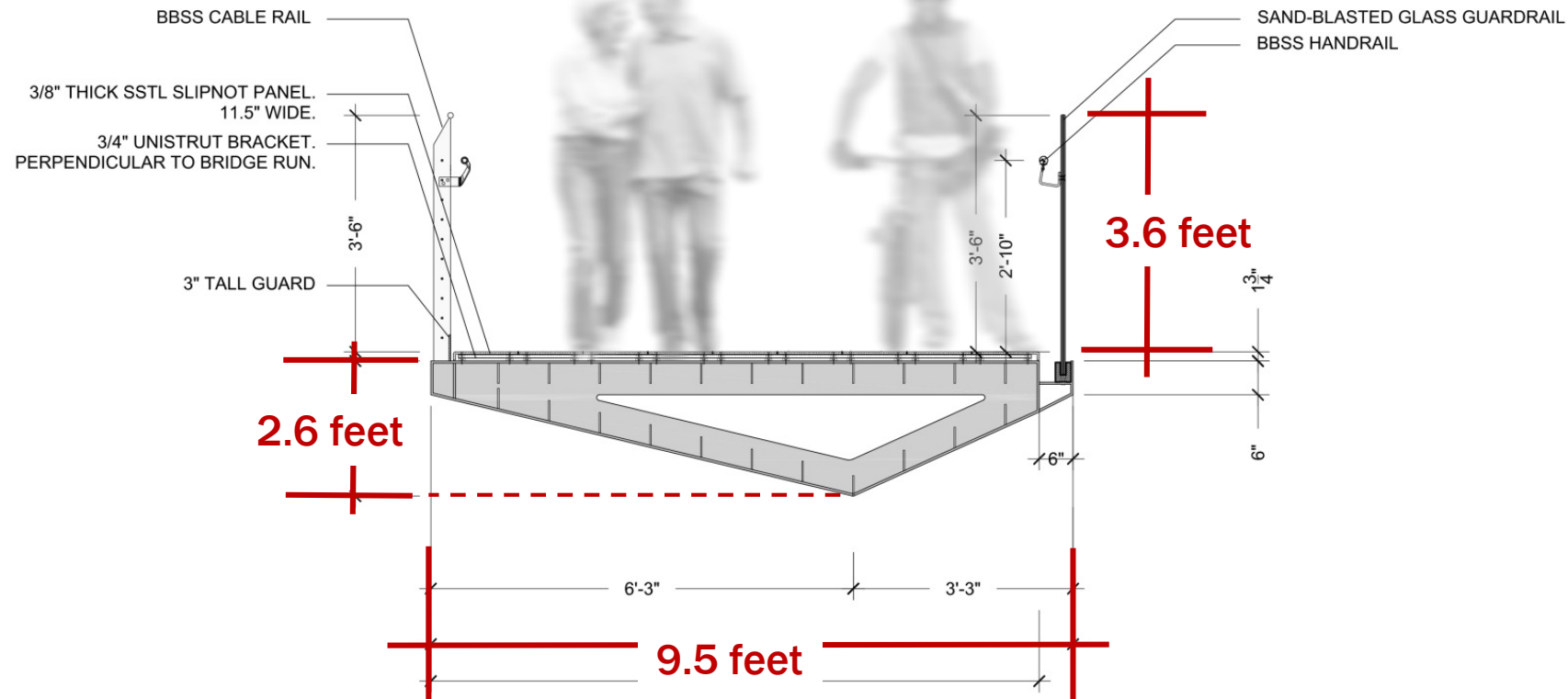


















View north



View west



